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1. At present the security section of the Chinese Armored Force is chiefly concerned with anti-Communist investigations within the armored force. One or two men are placed in each small unit to detect Communist sympathizers. These men receive pay from the security section and from the unit to which they are assigned.
2. The name of any soldier observed spreading Communist propaganda or consorting with suspected Communists outside of the troop is reported to security headquarters, Taipei, which arranges for the suspect's immediate arrest. After arrest, most suspects are summarily executed without further investigation.

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3. Nationalist General TANG En-po has tendered his resignation from the Nationalist army for the following reasons:
 - a. His superiors feel that TANG should resign while still enjoying the laurels of the victorious battle of Chinmentao.
 - b. TANG personally realizes that the Nationalist victory at Chinmentao was caused by a Communist blunder.
4. The Communist invasion of Chinmentao was repelled because the Communists lacked accurate information on the number of Nationalist troops on the island. TANG is not confident that another attack in full force can be held off. However, the victory raised the morale of defending troops, who express great confidence in their ability to repel future attacks.
5. Only about 200 Communists were captured.*

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* Comment. According to press reports, 2,000 Communists were captured.

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